

Orphan Daniel Rand earned the power of the Iron Fist in the mystical city of K'un Lun. As an adult, Danny oversees the Rand Corporation and moonlights as Iron Fist: kung fu defender of the innocent.

Prisoner Luke Cage was subjected to experiments that gave him superhuman strength and durability. As Power Man, he's been a hero and an Avenger, and now a husband and father.

After years apart, they're back together as Heroes for Hire.

POWER MAN AND IRON FIST



Alex Wilder has left Hell for Harlem to reestablish The Pride, a once-powerful crime family. He was using Agnitus, magical software that creates and destroys criminal records, to build a network of people who owed him for erasing their rap sheets (some invented by Agnitus). Luke and Danny have been helping Wilder's victims—they've disabled Agnitus, and Danny was even arrested while trying to protect them from unjust persecution—not realizing who was behind everything. But Wilder's run at Tombstone ended in failure, flames, and death. He's becoming desperate, just as Power Man and Iron Fist are closing in.

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ONE WEEK AGO.

(GIVE OR TAKE A FEW DAYS.)

WORD IS, TOMBSTONE IS CIRCLING HIS WAGONS-- HUNKERING DOWN IN A SINGLE LOCATION FOR THE BATTLE TO COME.

NOW, EVEN THOUGH I'D RATHER AVOID IT, WE MOVE ON TO PLAN B...

"PLAN B"?

B FOR BULLETS, BLOOD, AND BODY COUNT.

DONTRELL...

...WHERE YOU GOING?

I GOT A BAD FEELIN' 'BOUT ALL THIS, MARIAH.

AIN'T NEVER BEEN ONE TO TURN HIS BACK ON MAYHEM AND MURDER--BUT SOMETHING FEELS OFF...



...AND I CAN'T BE PART OF THIS. ALEX IS A COOL KID, AND HE'S DONE A LOT FOR US--BUT THIS WAR WITH TOMBSTONE, THAT COMES WITH A COST.

THAT COST IS GONNA BE BLOOD FROM PEOPLE WE USED TO CALL FAMILY.



REALLY?

YOU GONNA WALK AWAY FROM A CHANCE TO BE MORE THAN YOU'VE EVER BEEN-- TO HAVE MORE THAN YOU'VE EVER HAD?

ALEX MAY BE A KID, BUT HE'S MORE OF A MAN THAN YOUR SORRY ASS WILL EVER BE.



YOU COULD COME WITH ME-- I GOT A LEAD ON A GIG IN TACOMA. ALEX ERASED OUR CRIMINAL RECORDS. WE'RE FREE TO GO ANYWHERE.

BE JUST YOU AND ME, GIRL.



I'M FREE TO GO ANYWHERE, AND I'M GONNA GO WITH YOU?

PLEASE, MARIAH...I...YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL. YOU'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT I...



STOP RIGHT THERE, DONTRELL--LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF. YOU AIN'T EVER GONNA BE ANYTHING. KNOW WHY?

YOU ARE A WEAK-ASS PUNK. ALWAYS HAVE BEEN. ALWAYS WILL BE.

YOU THINK I COULD EVER LOVE SOMEONE LIKE YOU?



DON'T... PLEASE...DON'T SAY THAT. YOU COULD. I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.

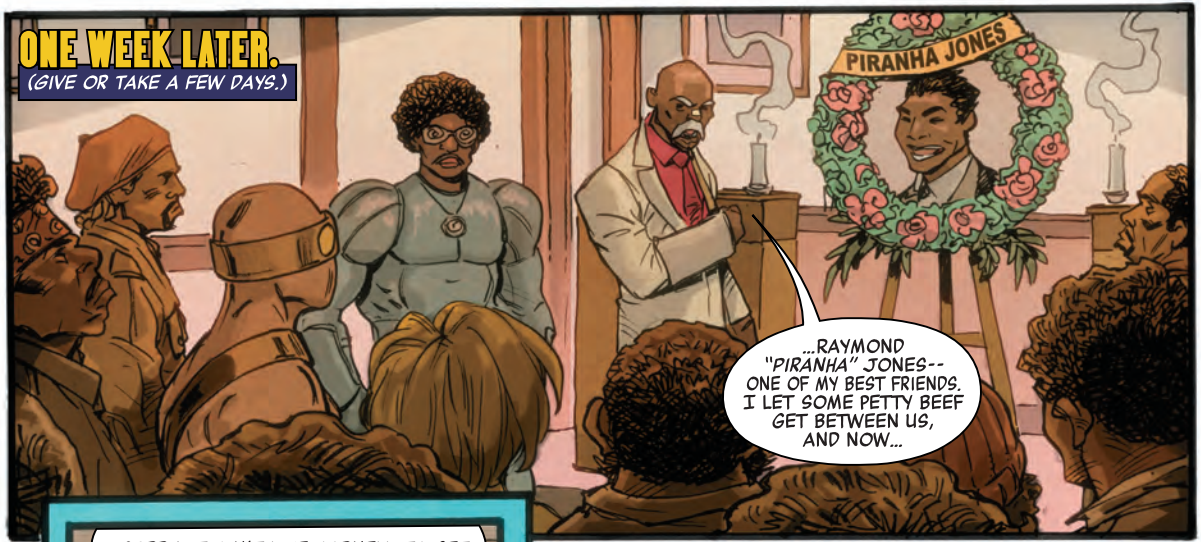
EXCEPT BE A REAL MAN.



THAT'S RIGHT, GET TO STEPPIN'.

"WE'RE HERE TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE DEAR, DEPARTED..."

ONE WEEK LATER.
(GIVE OR TAKE A FEW DAYS.)



...RAYMOND "PIRANHA" JONES-- ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS. I LET SOME PETTY BEEF GET BETWEEN US, AND NOW...



...SORRY. IT AIN'T LIKE CORNELL TO GET EMOTIONAL LIKE THIS, BUT RAYMOND WAS MY ACE.

IF ANY OF Y'ALL GOT A STORY YOU WANT TO SHARE--YO, WE CELEBRATIN' THE LIFE OF SOMEONE SPECIAL.

THANKS, CORNELL...



...GOTTA START BY SAYIN', AIN'T NOTHING BUT LOVE FOR PIRANHA.



HE WAS A PLAYER'S PLAYER. GENTLEMAN AND GANGSTER, THROUGH AND THROUGH. I REMEMBER THIS ONE TIME, I WAS IN SOME TROUBLE, AND RAYMOND...WELL...Y'ALL KNOW HOW HE DID...



WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOIN' HERE, CAGE?

CODE OF THE STREET, CORNELL. FUNERALS AND MEMORIALS ARE NEUTRAL TERRITORY. NO BEEF. NO DRAMA. DON'T MATTER WHAT SIDE YOU ON. JUST PAYIN' RESPECT TO THE DEPARTED.

THIS IS HOW WE DO, AND THIS IS HOW I DO. AND YOU KNOW THAT.

WORD. I ADMIRE A MAN WHO HONORS HIS ENEMIES.

I'M HERE TO PAY MY RESPECT, CORNELL. AIN'T HERE TO TALK ABOUT LONNIE, OR ANY OF THIS OTHER MESS.

BUT LET ME GIVE YOU SOME UNSOLICITED ADVICE--MAN TO MAN.

SAYS A LOT ABOUT YOU, AFTER ALL YOU BEEN THROUGH WITH PIRANHA... YET LONNIE AIN'T HERE AT ALL.

I KNOW ALEX WILDER USED THAT DEVICE OF HIS TO ERASE YOUR RECORD.

IF I WAS YOU, I'D LEAVE TOWN FOR A WHILE. LONNIE IS ON THE WARPATH, AND ALEX IS RECKLESS.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU TELLIN' CORNELL WHAT TO DO, CAGE.

AIN'T DOIN' NO SUCH THING, MAN. BUT LOOK AROUND YOU.

YOUR BOSS, ALEX, AIN'T HERE.

YOUR BEST FRIEND IS DEAD.

AND SOMEWHERE, LONNIE LINCOLN IS PLOTTING TO KILL EVERYONE THAT'S CROSSED HIM.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU DEAD ANY MORE THAN I WANTED TO SEE PIRANHA DEAD.

I'LL DEAL WITH TOMBSTONE. YOU CAN GO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY SOMEPLACE ELSE, AND IT'S ONE LESS BODY TO BURY.